

Utah Rescues Climber on Mount McKinley

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Most climbers would be overjoyed to reach the summit of Alaska's Mount McKinley, but for Provo's Jim Moyle reaching the summit was not as personally satisfying as his effort to save a Russian climber.

When Moyle and Price resident Rocky Netz reached the 20,320-foot summit of Alaska's Mount McKinley earlier this month they added some success and steam to the Utahns on Everest quest.

The trip to Alaska, June 5-15, was a shake down for Moyle, Netz, Salt Lake's Lee McCullough and Utahns on Everest leader Doug Hansen.

"I met a Russian climber on the West Buttress. He soloed up the fixed ropes to 16,000 feet and I talked him into roping up with me," said Moyle. "We got to Denali Pass about midnight. He was very hypothermic and shaking."

"The wind was blowing 60 to 70 mph on the ridge. I asked him if he could go down alone and he said he could. I went on alone but I didn't feel it was prudent to leave him alone so I went back. By the time I got to him he was a basket case. He didn't have his [climbing] harness on or his ice axe and his crampon had broken."

Moyle made a climbing harness out of rope, fixed his crampon, and helped him descend. By 2 a.m. they had dropped to a camp at 17,000 feet. The Russian had a sleeping bag but no tent.



Utah climbers Rocky Netz, Jim Moyle and Lee McCullough, from left, rest on Mount McKinley.

"Fortunately there was an unoccupied Japanese tent and I put him in it. That tent saved his life," said Moyle who descended to 14,000 feet by 5 a.m. after starting his climb at 11 a.m. the day before.

"It was the greatest moment of my lifetime," said Moyle of saving the Russian.

After one rest day McCullough and Netz joined Moyle and they headed for the west rib. Moyle

continued solo after they arrived at the 16,000-foot camp. Moyle took advantage of good weather to complete the route in a 19-hour round trip from the 14,000 foot camp to the summit and back. Netz, who was making his third attempt at McKinley, was successful the next day.

Filled with satisfaction for saving the Russian and climbing to the top of North America, Moyle began his descent to the pickup

point where the bush pilot would meet them and fly them off the mountain.

Wearing skis and pulling a sled, Moyle fell part way through a snow bridge over a huge crevasse. He was roped to McCullough who arrested his fall and helped him out.

"Lee [McCullough] really saved my chestnuts. A lot of guys would have thought about cutting the rope," Moyle said.

Utah Recreation This Week

GREAT SALT LAKE: Water Sports

Read Tom Wharton's latest installment of The Tribune's year long look at the Great Salt Lake - This week, a look at recreation on page C-6.

NATURE: Slickrock Protection Planned

Moab's increasingly popular Slickrock Trail and nearby Sand Flats will be inventoried and protected under a plan the BLM hopes to implement by Sept. 1. Read Craig Hansell's C-5 story.

CLIMBING: Utahns top McKinley

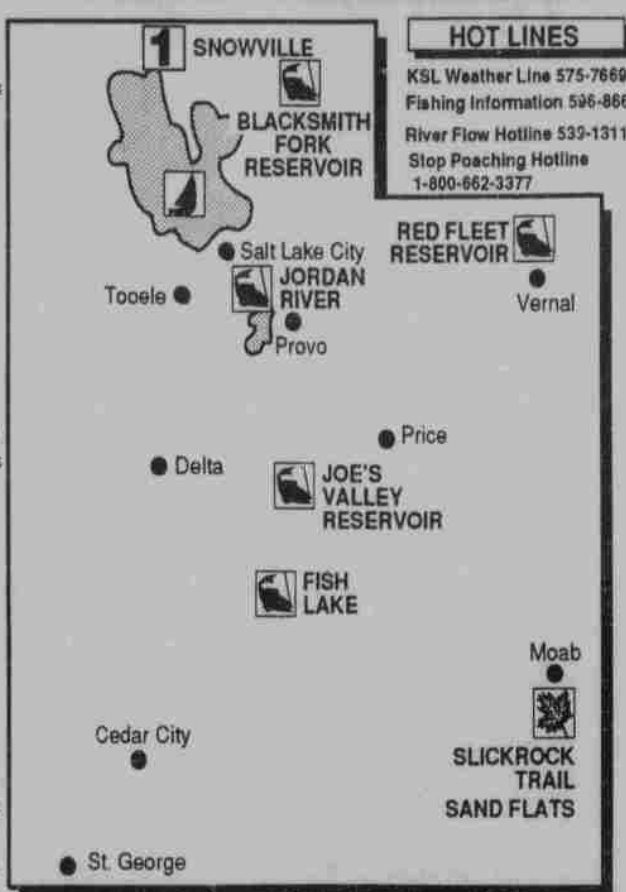
Utah's Jim Moyle and Rocky Netz were both successful topping North America in a practice climb by the Utahns on Everest team which will leave next month to put a Utah climber on the summit of Mount Everest. Read Craig Hansell's C-5 story.

FISHING: Try Tributaries

Try dry flies on Blacksmith Fork Reservoir as well as the tributaries, suggests Brett Prettyman in this week's Fishing Roundup on page C-5.

ONE DAY IN SNOWVILLE

Waves of heat can be rising off I-15 but the residents of Snowville have made a century-old tradition out of offering a spot for a rest. Read Craig Hansell's story on page C-5.



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Utah Waters Productive

NORTHERN UTAH — Fishing for brown trout is good on Blacksmith Fork. Try dry flies in the evening for the aggressive fish. When fishing Blacksmith don't forget the tributaries to the river. Remember a slot limit exists on the stretches of the river.

NORTHEASTERN UTAH — There is an abundance of rainbow trout, bass and bluegill in Red Fleet Reservoir just waiting for a meal. Fish for the trout in the morning and evening and the bass and bluegill during the day.

CENTRAL UTAH — The Jordan River is still offering some good trout fishing for anglers who don't like to travel a long way. The Division of Wildlife plants the river frequently and fishing should be good south of 9000 South.

SOUTHERN UTAH — Escape the heat and head for Fish Lake. The lake has light pressure and fair fishing for splake and rainbows.

SOUTHEASTERN UTAH — Joe's Valley boat anglers are doing better than shore fishermen. Try trolling with pop gear and if that doesn't work anchor the boat and use floating cheese. Shore anglers should try the west shore of the reservoir.

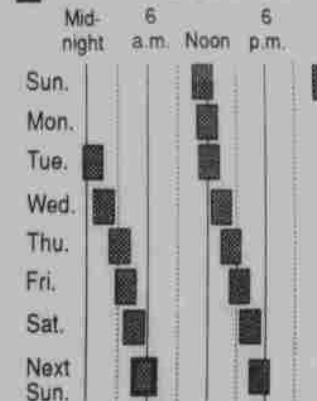
FISHING REPORT

Solar-lunar table

Some people think fishing and hunting are better at these times because of the activity patterns of fish and game animals:

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Week's best times



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BLM Struggles to Manage Slickrock Area Impacts

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The Slickrock Trail area above Moab may be drowning in its own popularity.

Land managers are struggling to control the impact of increased use.

"It seems we have failed in the past to get some voluntary compliance," said the Bureau of Land Management Grand Resource Area Manager Brad Palmer. "We are now issuing restrictions."

The initial restrictions will be designed to encourage people to leave the plants alone and drive only on existing roads. Palmer said tickets will be issued to encourage compliance.

"We have seen people cut down a tree because it was where they wanted to park their RV. They don't realize it took a hundred years to grow that tree. People were also cutting brush and trees for fire wood," said Palmer. "We want people to leave the plants alone."

The BLM is also doing an inventory of existing roads in the Slickrock-Sand Flats area. The plan is to designate the roads which are open and prohibit use of other routes.

Palmer said the proposal would be officially announced August 7 and the compliance date is scheduled for Sept. 1.

"It is too bad we have to do that but we have to maintain some control and give us some breathing room. It is just a situation where someone had to say uncle. The use was increasing at a faster rate than the planning and we were afraid if we didn't get a hold of it we would lose it," said Palmer.

Palmer admits the success of the plan depends on support from both the Utah State Lands Board and Grand County. There are two state-land sections in the area which have to be managed the same as the adjacent BLM land

for the plan to work.

"Arches and Canyonlands visitation is up 18 to 20 percent," Palmer said of the Moab area's increasing popularity. "We met some people who were from Russia. We asked them where they heard about the area and they said they read about it in a Czechoslovakian magazine. We are seeing a lot of people from France, Germany and Switzerland. I think all the motels [including the 350 new rooms this season] are booked through October."

With temperatures in the 100s, Palmer hopes to have the plan in operation before the biking and camping crowds re-discover the area again in the fall.

The plan could impact four wheelers who use the Fins and Things trail as a route during the Red Rock 4-Wheelers annual Easter Jeep Safari.

"Fins and Things [route] may be changed because of its proximity to the Negro Bill Canyon on the north and Mill Creek Canyon wilderness study area on the south," said Palmer.

He is working with the Red Rock 4-Wheelers, using sophisticated satellite mapping techniques to find the best route. He has considerable faith in Red Rock 4-Wheelers officials.

"The Red Rock 4-Wheelers is one of the strongest, most environmentally ethical groups we work with. They make a concerted effort to do what is right. They pickup trash and have even used their Jeeps to bring out old bed springs and other garbage from the backcountry. We have never had a problem with them," Palmer said.

Hikers, mountain bikers and four-wheelers all use the popular area for recreation. Now Palmer hopes to limit impact on the resource to save it from its own popularity.

Great Salt Lake a Must See for Tourists

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by automobile.

Jack Lane of Stanford, Conn., said the lake's beauty astounded him. But the lack of facilities made him wonder if local residents did everything they could to discourage tourists from visiting because they wanted to keep the state's beauty a secret.

"If I was Donald Trump," Lane quips, "I wouldn't bother with Atlantic City. I would come out here and put some money in this place."

But the state seems reluctant to invest in Great Salt Lake tourism.

Antelope Island is not open because there is not enough money available to hire rangers and build facilities. The state Legislature elected to build a new highway, visitor center and rest stop in Vernal next year instead of replacing Salt Lake County's trailer with a modern facility.

Lyle Gingery, the superintendent of Great Salt Lake State Park, says his biggest need is to develop new facilities at Black

Rock Beach south of the 300-slip marina. There were restrooms and showers there in the early 1980s, but they were wiped out when the water rose to the edge of the interstate.

"The water is deeper at Black Rock," he says. "It gets people to where they can begin to swim quickly. Our existing beach is so far from the water that it is difficult for people, especially the elderly, to reach the water on a hot summer day."

Building new facilities, though, costs money. And state parks all over Utah battle for limited funds each year. Gingery, for one, is not optimistic about getting an infusion of cash.

Despite the obstacles, the tourists keep coming.

The lure of one of the world's natural wonders is too great to ignore.

"It's a magnificent curiosity," says Wally Wright. "It's on everyone's must-see list. If I went to Israel, I certainly want to see the Dead Sea. People who come to Salt Lake City want to see the Great Salt Lake."

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